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# **Sudoku Tips and Tricks**

## **Sudoku: Is it Just a Game of Logic?**

Over the years, the Sudoku game has gained great popularity. If you often play the game, then you probably have an idea why the game is so extraordinary and fun to play. If you haven't played the game, on the other hand, surely you will be asking a lot of questions about the unusual puzzle.

I'll bet that when you first heard of the puzzle, the first thing that comes to your mind is mathematics. Well, the game does not have anything to do with mathematics or math skills. The puzzle is basically a logic exercise and it just all about logic. The numbers comprising the game will have nothing to do about addition, multiplication, subtraction and division stuffs. The Sudoku puzzle doesn't require such fundamentals. The game has to do with logic itself alone.

Sudoku puzzle requires logical reasoning and provides your brain cells a good workout. However, let me back up a little bit. You basically need to fill up corresponding numbers in the puzzle grid. Every column and row should contain any of the digits ranging from 1 to 9. The easiest way to understand is maybe to check and browse through online sites wherein there are posted ideas and information of the game's basics. It's absolutely amazingly easy to play.

There is really no proper place to play the Sudoku puzzle. One can shut his eyes, point his finger on the paper and just start playing and that would be a right place as any. Possibly the most rational and logical place to begin is any place in a column, row or any square, which has a few numbers inside it.

The aid of simple logic is all that's needed and only focused visual analysis along with a mind question if a certain number can go in the box. I presume that the most essential aspect is that Sudoku is a logic puzzle. It is not a puzzle of obscure knowledge.

The reality that you need to decipher the puzzle only with the aid of logic also entails a particular solution. For the game to have numerous solutions, the logic alone cannot help you put in numbers in the boxes. Sometimes, it is better to ignore logic and just simply presume or make a guess.

Furthermore, if your presumption is correct, you will still need to think back and make other presumptions for you to make sure that no right guesses were made. You should only rely on the presumptions that were made incorrectly, given that such guesses could be incorrect for the entire solutions and so in the long run you will have a set of boxes which may not be decisively filled. Thus, there is basically nothing left from the guesses of a distinct solution.

In fact, there is nothing logical in doubting the distinctness of the solution. If the initial circumstances are incorrect, the outcome will be incorrect. If there are numerous solutions, even a monster force would be unsuccessful to get rid of other candidates.

Most puzzle solvers differentiate between puzzles that are deciphered with logic alone and puzzles that are solved by guesses or trial-and-error technique. Solving by logic, you will not put in a number into a square until you have thought about it or you have proven that such number is right for that position.

When guessing, on the other hand, you will write a number hesitantly and just discover the consequences, you will probably be backtracking, not consider your number choice then put in another. A backtracker can work with a pencil and eraser while a logic solver requires a pen.

The peculiarity between logic and guessing appears to be a potential criterion for assessing the Sudoku puzzle difficulty. However, it is vague though that the peculiarity does exist.

## **Tricks and Tips for Solving a Sudoku Puzzle**

Sudoku puzzle is available in all forms of media, like in newspapers, magazines, books and on the Internet. This is how fast Sudoku achieved its popularity for a short period of time.

It is a fact that from the time that the game came into existence, Sudoku became vastly well-known to people in all walks of life. Even the history of Sudoku can tell that most of the individuals with a high rank in the ancient hierarchy of the society were hooked to the pleasure of playing Sudoku.

What makes people so fond of Sudoku? Is it really different from all other types of puzzle games?

Sudoku puzzle, according to the expert players of the game, does not involve any mathematical concept. Yes, there is of course the use of numbers but you will not utilize any operation. Simply, you are going to solve the puzzle with the use of your reasoning skill and your logical way of thinking.

The three words people use to describe the game are fun, challenging and addictive. Remember the time that play station and some computer games were introduced, you see how people respond to its demand because both the young individuals and the professionals enjoy the pleasure of the game. With Sudoku, you will exactly feel the same.

Typically, a Sudoku puzzle will take you up to thirty minutes for you to solve the game and that is already the maximum time. However, if you are just a beginner with Sudoku puzzle, you cannot expect yourself to finish that game within the given period. There are times that it will

take you an hour in solving the problem.

There are four important pointers that you need to put in your mind when you try a Sudoku puzzle. If you will follow the said tips, rest assured that you will totally enjoy the game. This is most particularly for beginners who are aiming to solve a Sudoku puzzle with their first attempt.

### 1. Getting started.

It is just natural for a beginner to commit some faults. In all kinds of games, there is no proper or wrong move for a starter. Nevertheless, as much as possible if you can hit the right one then better do so because it will help you to end up winning. As you play the game, you will find that you will understand the concept behind it and how it is played.

Be sure that you always consider every move that you take. All the columns and the rows are treated as important factors of the puzzle. You should not be bothered if the numbers started to rumble, always be optimistic that there is always a way for you to arrange the number into its proper place.

Just learn to focus on each of the numbers that you are moving because your turn on the right will affect the number on the left. On the other hand when you move upward, it will have an effect on the number downward.

## 2. Make progress

After being able to learn gradually your initial mistakes during your first attempt, this is now the right time for you to correct the false moves that you have committed. Notice that the ordering of every number in the boxes is very important. Likewise, arranging it orderly is a factor. Seeing that there are only three boxes left, do not be too confident because it serves no guarantee that you will now win the game. Your focus is still a very vital aspect that you have to bear in mind.

#### 3. Reaching out.

On the third pointer, you are now nearly approaching your goal. Almost all of the boxes are filled in and only a few numbers are not in their proper order. This is now the point that you need to make an extra effort, because one false move can disrupt all of the cells. The interaction and interplay that will take place are endless. So, as you go with the flow of the game you will discover the right things for you to do.

#### 4. Take your success where you can.

In Sudoku, it does not matter where you start as long as you know where you are supposed to end. You will be the one to determine your success.

Remember that playing sudoku has no time pressure at all. Make use of your brain and you will surely win it. Besides, it is a puzzle and it's supposed to stimulate your brain. What's the point of it being a puzzle if it's too easy to solve?

## **Sudoku Solutions: Helpful for Some, Boring for Others**

Many players of the Sudoku find this puzzle game very difficult to solve. However, because of the clever minds of most players, they have created techniques, strategies and solutions to make the game simple.

The following are some of those solutions the players have made in solving any levels of the Sudoku puzzle game.

## 1. Scanning

This solution is executed at the start and all throughout the game. Scans should be done for many times in the middle of studying the puzzle. There are actually two basic techniques involved in scanning they are:

- Cross-hatching: This is scanning of rows and columns to know which line holds a numbersthat should be removed. The process is repeated in rows and columns. For an accurate result, the numbers should be scanned based on their frequency. It is very necessary to do this process in order to check all the numbers 1 through 9.
- Counting: This technique is performed to know what the missing numbers are. In order to have a fast result, counting should be done based on the last number revealed.

While the scanning is performed, advanced solvers are searching for possibilities. They do it by narrowing the location of each number in a row or column.

Most challenging puzzle games have many possibilities that need to be discovered. These possibilities might be in many directions or intersections. The puzzles that need only the solution for scanning in order to be solved are categorized as the easy puzzle. On the contrary, difficult puzzle can also be solved by using scanning but still, it requires the discovery of possibilities.

#### 2. Marking Up

Scanning is usually stopped when there are no numbers that can be detected. From this, it is important to use some logical analysis. Most players find it helpful to lead the analysis by marking up the possible numbers in the empty boxes. There are two famous notations in marking up, they are:

- Subscript: The possible numbers are written in subscript in the box. The disadvantage to this is that Sudoku puzzle found in newspapers or magazines are normally too small to contain the subscripts. Therefore, it is suggested that if you are going to use this notation, you should make a bigger copy of the puzzle or use a finely pointed pencil.
- Dots: the advantage of this is that it can be used on original puzzles. When using the notation, you need to have dexterity in order to put the dots. Misplaced or unintended dots may lead the player to confusion.

#### 3. Analyzing

The following are the two basic approaches for analyzing:

- Elimination: This is the way of eliminating possible numbers from one box or more to have only one option. After getting each answer, it would be good to perform another scan. This is made to know the effect of the last number placed in. There are several elimination tactics. The commonly used among these tactics is the unmatched candidate removal. Boxes with similar sets of possible numbers are a match if the number of the possible numbers is equal to the numbers of boxes having them.
- What if: In this approach, a box containing only two possible numbers is chosen and a guess is completed. The steps already mentioned are repeated except if a same number is found in the same box. If duplication happens, the alternative candidate number is the solution. In logical expressions, this is what called as the reduction ad absurdum. This kind of approach requires a pencil and an eraser. Logical perfectionists may frown about this approach because of its many trial and error test. However, this approach can draw out solutions faster.

It is not necessary to combine techniques in order to solve the Sudoku. These may prevent the drawbacks of the above solutions, which for most players can be very uninteresting. The counting of the rows and columns can also bore the seasoned Sudoku players. Writing down the possible numbers in an empty box can also consume more time. In addition, the what-if approach can be very puzzling unless the players know how to organize.

The best solution for solving the Sudoku is to search for techniques that do not require more counting, marking out and analyzing.

## **Be a Sudoku Solver and Exercise Your Brain**

Are you familiar with the Rubik's Cube? Have you mastered it already? If you are one of the persons who are engrossed in playing puzzles like the Rubik's Cube, then you may get hooked on Sudoku.

This is a huge challenge to puzzle solvers and it is one of the most fantastic games ever created. Being a sudoku solver is one of the things you can be very proud of. Well, what is Sudoku? It is a number placement brainteaser that necessitates skills in logic. But not only that, patience is also a requirement for you to be able to withstand the challenge.

There are many people nowadays who are enjoying and who are curved by this marvelous puzzle. It can be found in newspapers, websites and in some books. So how is it played? It generally consists of a series of grids. The grid has one big  $9 \times 9$  grid that shelters nine smaller grids that are  $3 \times 3$  in size.

The main objective of the game is to place a number from 1-9 in each of the grid cells. But you do not have to sum up the numbers or perform other mathematical operations just like the Magic Squares.

However, there are conditions that must be followed. Each number from 1-9 must only appear once in every column and once also in every row and once in each small  $3 \times 3$  grid. Sodoku is more likely a derivation of the Latin Squares.

The Latin Square has been created by Leonard Euler, a renowned mathematician. Fundamentally, a Latin Square has a n x n table packed with letters, numbers, or symbols. And each symbol can only emerge closely once in each row and precisely once in each column. Sudoku puzzles are therefore a modified Latin Square and is developed one step further with the smaller grid limits. It increases the difficulty of the puzzle by the detail that you have to make sure that each small 3 x 3 grid has each number 1-9 only once.

Moreover, Sudoku puzzles are in a wide range of complexity and difficulty. The quantity of numbers given originally in the 9  $\times$  9 matrix alters. You might think that having more numbers given at the beginning would make the puzzle easier. But in contrast, this is not always applicable because the positioning of the numbers has a great consequence on the intricacy of the puzzle game.

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So how can you actually become a sodoku solver? You must have patience and logical abilities to solve the puzzle in no time. The trial and error method is not a good technique in this game. Different persons have various techniques as well as strategies to solve this puzzle game.

Some create their own methods and share it to other Sodoku players around the world. And they communicate through the web. They are many sites online and you can be active in their

forums and know more on how to solve it.

Basically, you can begin at any place in the puzzle. But according to many, it is better to start focusing on the top three smaller grids. Then look at the preliminary numbers and start with the number 1.

After that, check if a number 1 appears in the other two smaller grids. Next, locate cells in these minor grids where you can probably place a number 1 while still following the necessary conditions.

Furthermore, you will also have to take into thought  $3 \times 3$  grids that are connected to the specified grid. Sudoku is a very brainy puzzle game that will occasionally make you feel like you are going nowhere.

However, it is good that you practice on various puzzles to make you discover some techniques and methods to efficiently solve the puzzle immediately. A Sodoku solver will continue to work on his strategies to become better.

## Sudoku Solvers: Mastering an Addicting Number Puzzle Game

#### Have you ever tried playing Sudoku?

Did you solve it all by yourself or did you just put down the pen and the puzzle, and then just left? Why can't some people solve it? Its not that Sudoku is just for people who are adept in math, some are just more skilled with this addicting puzzle game. For those having a hard time solving Sudoku puzzles or are just newbies, they can make use of a special program that can solve the puzzle for them, this are called Sudoku solvers.

Sudoku, a number puzzle that is widely popular in the world, mainly in Japan and in the United States, is commonly known as a number place in which it's a logic-based placement puzzle where you can enter the digits 1 to 9 in each cell of a 9x9 grid and made up of 3x3 subgrids or sometimes called regions.

To start playing, you are given numerals in certain cells that you can use as your clues. Your goal is to fill all the blank cells with a digit each, so each row, column, and regions contains the numbers 1 to 9 for only once. Each numeral occurs only once in each different direction, hence the "single number" method is implied to the puzzle's identity.

Difficulty ratings of Sudoku are published in papers, which can be downloaded in computers like

a handy electronic sudoku game. Online sites can be ranked according to the number of "givens" placed in the cells. However, sometimes it has little effect or bearing on the puzzle's difficulty. A puzzle with a minimum number of givens may actually be easy to solve while a puzzle with more than the average number of givens can be very hard to solve, the difficulty rating will depend on the relevance and positioning of the "givens" rather than on how many numbers are placed in the cells.

For in a Sudoku game, it can be solved either by logic or by help of computers. Many online sites offer games that can be solved automatically when you click on solvers. Sudoku solvers are strategies and approaches on how you can solve the puzzle game.

Think of the 9x9 grids and 3x3 subgrids. Think of the many possibilities where the "givens" are placed. With a very difficult rating, you will finish the game in hours, in days, or even in weeks. With hundreds of billions of number combination in the grid, you'll need a Sudoku solver. But where can you find solvers?

It's much better if you play Sudoku in a computer than in published in papers. Sudoku in papers can take a long time for you for you to solve the game, while Sudoku game in your computer or in a website can enable you to strategize much better with different options and approaches of solutions. Whereas, when the puzzle game is in a computer, Sudoku solvers can be downloaded in many versions from your preferred sudoku sites. The best thing about downloading solvers is it doesn't only produce solutions, it can also be emailed to multiple recipients.

In downloading your Sudoku solver version, you must be familiar on how it works because in most download websites, many solver versions are accompanied with a charge of a corresponding amount for you to download it or use it. For beginners who want their solvers, there are a lot of available free but older versions. Sometimes it cannot accommodate the different kind of solutions for new Sudoku puzzles.

There are lots of varieties of Sudoku solvers out in the World Wide Web, but you must find versions that are designed to make the solutions faster and easier. Your Sudoku solvers must provide the following capabilities:

- Integrates help, which includes all the explanations regarding the rules for solving the number puzzle.
- Input capability must be enhanced.
- Improved screen appearance
- Can save and load the puzzles with its solutions.
- Can scan for input data errors.
- Ouick solution times
- Can identify malformed puzzles
- With complete training mode for step-by-step solutions with corresponding commentaries.
- Can maintain multiple email templates.

Full manual with rule explanations.

So, for sudoku solvers, it will help you to find the appropriate and proper solutions wherein you can really determine how the problem can be solved. Sudoku solvers will show different ideas in such a way that when you play again with another kind of "givens," and you will learn and know where to start.

If you have difficulty in solving a particular Sudoku puzzle, download a Sudoku solver for you to better understand the logic and the strategy behind the puzzle.

## Sudoku Strategies for Surefire Success

Sudoku is a popular puzzle game in Britain and the United States. The word Sudoku means a "single number" in Japanese. It is consists of a 9 x 9 grid with an about 81 boxes to be filled in with the numbers.

The challenge for this game is to fill all 1 to 9 numbers in the box. However, there is a basic rule that is sometimes irritating for most players who find it hard to complete the box. The rule is: the number 1 to 9 must come out only once in each row and column.

To avoid being trapped by this rule, what should a player do? The players must have strategies, which they can use to solve the puzzle correctly and effectively.

How can they start? Everybody has his or her own ways of solving the game. However, the following strategies are arranged from the easiest to the most difficult to prepare yourself unlock even the most deceptive puzzle ever made.

### 1. Use a pencil

Pens are for the professional players. Thought the puzzle may seem to be very easy, you will still need a little of scratch work which you can be able to erase anytime after solving the squares.

## 2. Guessing will not help you get the correct answer. Instead, think!

Most Sudokus have only one solution. This means that they can be answered using your logic. Never place any number if you are not sure that it should be the number to go in the square. Trial and error is not a good technique in Sudoku.

#### 3. Begin with the common numbers

Examine the puzzle to know which of the numbers come out frequently. Choose of these numbers and know if you can put any of them. As you begin to try this, draw light lines cutting

every row and column that holds the numbers. Look at each box that does not have the number yet. If you find the box with a single empty space that is crossed out, put the number on that space.

### 4. Then go on to the nearly filled box

As you begin putting the numbers, watch out for the rows, columns, or the 3 x 3 block that are nearly filled in. Once you have found one, decide which of the numbers should remain to be placed in that box. Know the numbers that are not yet placed then, check if there is a suitable position in the box. If there is at least one, place the number.

## 5. Are you puzzled? Start making notes

The easy numbers have already placed in. Your eyes are focused on the page and you realized that you are not using your pencil again. This means, you are puzzled by the puzzle.

What should you do? Work out again each square. Make small notes of the probable answers within each square. Choose a square and record in small print any of the numbers from one to nine that do not appear in each row, column or 3 x 3 grid. In this way, you will realize that a square has a single possible answer only. Place in the number. Then, remove the possibility from other squares.

## 6. Search for other options

There will be times that you will have to reach the point where all the empty boxes have many probable solutions. If this happens, the puzzle becomes more difficult.

Now, your plan is to look for the several boxes in a row, column or box that have similar options. For example, if you can locate two boxes that have same two options, the two numbers should be placed in those two boxes. It should not be placed somewhere else within the row, column or box. This should cut down the options in the remaining boxes to a point where you can answer others.

This strategy will surely work if the options overlap in two boxes or more. If the total number of different options along with the connected group of boxes does not does not go beyond the number of boxes included, you can presume that each of those numbers is placed anywhere within that group.

#### 7. Start again if you duplicate

Lastly, if you find an illegal duplicate, stop, and know the reason behind it. If you still cannot find the reason, it would be better start the puzzle again.

By following the seven strategies given above, you are assured of a victory in the end of each

game--may it be the easy level or the most difficult level of the Sudoku.

## **How to Make a Winning Sudoku Strategy**

Sudoku is known as a logic-based placement puzzle which aims to come into a numerical digit which is from 1 through 9 which is in a cell of a 9X9 grid. The first sudoku puzzle was made available in the U.S. and it did not get the kind of popularity it now has until the year 2005.

Solving puzzles of sudoku normally involves a combination of processes. The three processes are scanning, marking up and analyzing. You can always come up with a good sudoku strategy if you are keen and observant and if you follow the strategies that will be shown top you.

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The first useful sudoku strategy is scanning. Scanning usually takes place not only at the beginning but also all the way through the solution and it consists of two basic and important techniques. First is the cross-hatching which engages scanning of the different rows or columns in order to classify which among the lines in a specific region may include a certain numeral by a procedure of elimination.

The other sudoku strategy is by counting 1-9 in regions, rows and by columns in order to categorize all the missing numerals. Counting the numerals is based upon the last numeral that is revealed may help to speed up the search.

The second is marking-up. When the puzzle has no additional numerals that can be discovered, sudoku players over and over again find it compulsory to mark the potential numerals included in the blank cells. This can be completed by essentially writing in the numerals or dots that will represent the potential numerals.

Last is the analysis. This sudoku strategy has a lot of approaches which include "what if" and the "candidate elimination." The game includes consecutively eliminating the candidate numerals from one or more cells to run off with just one choice. After each of the answers has been completed, an additional scan may be performed, this is done usually to check and see the effect of the possibility.

In this kind of move, the player should use his best sudoku strategy and skill to come up with a good combination that will make him win the game.

If at all possible, one wishes to find a combination of sudoku strategy which keeps away from some of the drawbacks of the above mentioned elements. The counting of the different regions, rows and columns can make a player feel bored. On the other hand, sudoku is a fun and engaging game but requires sudoku strategy that can help a player to sharpen the mind and keep one entertained for quite a long time.

Sudoku is one of the most up-to-date trends in games and leisure. The concentration in this Japanese number crossword puzzle is extremely at a fever playing field. Playing Sudoku is always a fun game and it provides the users an equal ground for everyone to play. Some of the elderly adults and even four year old kids can play the same game. It does not require proficiency in English.

The game has a variety of difficulty levels and you can get the best satisfaction from it. When played with a good Sudoku strategy, one can enjoy playing the game and one can simply experience a level of satisfaction, which no other games can.

Now that you have learned the best sudoku strategies that most players apply, you can be ready to apply it on your own. Remember that you can have your own strategy. You will learn it as you play the game over and over again. You will realize that the game you have been eyeing for is not that difficult to play. You only need to be observant and you need to concentrate to make the smartest moves.

## **Sudoku Tips and Killer Moves**

Have you ever played a Sudoku game? Playing a sudoku is simple. Even if you have not yet played the game, you can learn it easily and fast. You just need the help of sudoku tips and strategies so that you can score in the game. Sudoku tips are most important especially if you have no way or no chance of winning.

You just have to put the numbers from 1 to 9 into the spaces of the blank grid. In every column and every row, there must be 3X3 boxes that contain the digits from 1 to 9. The rules are uncomplicated--you just need to fill in the squares so that all numbers are represented simply once per row.

Simple rules are not difficult to tag along. What makes Sudoku most interesting and addicting to players is the dependable face up of finding the accurate match. The trial and error can have a match and it can match with a pre-determined line of attack, which is based on the clues that you are shown and provided that make victory probable for everyone.

And of course it aims to help the user with the different game levels that are made available. With this, you can start with, or have a choice to always go back to, the lowest or simplest stage in order to expand a perceptive of how the game makes use of mechanisms and what

sudoku tips and strategies will work best for you throughout the game.

Compared to the crossword puzzles, which are well-liked in their own right, following Sudoku tips does not have need of a never-ending knowledge of language or vocabulary or a long-term obligation to form the puzzle out. And the disturbance level stays low down for the reason that one can for all times go back to the most part of the basic level and focus on an individual player's speed slightly than mere completion.

In just a 5-30 minute time duration, one can simply play a game or a few, can be challenged mentally and academically, get the fulfillment out of finishing a puzzle, and walk away rejuvenated to go use their brain in a different level. With all the free Sudoku online games, one can perfectly master their skill and intelligence by playing it from time to time.

Since sudoku games are offered for free, one can play it at any time when they feel like playing it. Mastering your newly learned sudoku tips can be applied successfully and you can simply gain more sudoku tips as you go through the game. Sudoku tips do not only let you play the game but you get the chance to practice your skills and reasoning ability.

Having plenty of sudoku tips will help you win the game effortlessly. You may ask where you can get these sudoku tips. There are a lot of places to learn sudoku tips. One is the internet. You can bump into a lot of resources that are helpful in playing the game wisely.

These resources include articles and forums. You can get into a forum where people talk about sudoku. Mostly, members who are in that forum are enthusiasts and game lovers. You don't necessarily have to be a pro if you want to play the game. People who have blank ideas about the game can simply learn the easiest sudoku tips that are helpful as you go along the game.

If you want to master the game, you will need to learn more sudoku tips like looking for cues, eliminating the numbers of the rows in the box and looking for the right matches of numbers. You need to understand the columns and the rows that consist of the game. Learning how to eliminate the possibilities in the boxes is your starting point and after learning that, all will follow. Learning from the basics will always be a good training.

Probably the best sudoku tips that you can best benefit from is the planning strategy that a user can apply throughout the game. When you plan your moves, it is expected that you will come into the best matches for the rows and the columns.

## **Sudokus: Give Your Brain a Mind Twisting Puzzle Game**

Games are not just for kids, adults can play games as well. With the very busy life of most of adults today, they do not have much time to go to entertainment centers to play with arcade games, fun filled and enjoyable activities. However, these activities are boring; it only requires

physical activities taking for granted the importance of logical thinking.

You can use your leisure time by playing games. You do not need to go to entertainment centers to enjoy. You can just sit around your office, grab a pencil and enjoy playing with some of the puzzle games around. There are so many fun filled puzzle games that will make use of your extra time. You do not need to spend money to enjoy it. Empower your neurons and improve your logical thinking by playing with it.

One among the best sought after puzzle games is called sudoku. Have you heard of sudoku? Have you experienced the one of a kind satisfaction you can get over playing with it? If you have not yet played with it, you are missing half of your life. Do you want to know about it? Read on and learn all about sudoku.

Sudoku is the hottest most enjoyable puzzle game today. Most of the people prefer playing with it because of the unexplainable pleasure it brings. In fact, it is one among the most discussed topics on the World Wide Web. Even people who belong to highest society love playing sudoku. What is sudoku? How is it played?

Sudoku is a puzzle games that requires only 9 numbers. It only requires numbers from 1 to 9. There are nine rows and nine columns as well. The main goal of this puzzle game is to complete the box with the appropriate numbers corresponding to the numbers needed in the box. The puzzle is pre-entered with numbers and your job is to put the missing numbers on the blank. You might think it's easy but is quite challenging than difficult.

It has different intensity that depends on the given numbers. The more numbers are given the more it becomes difficult. The different levels of intensity are identified as light, easy, moderate, heavy, difficult and very difficult. It is better if you start on the light level first before venturing to higher levels.

Sudoku has different kinds and types. You can choose from the different types according to your preference. There are many types as well. However, the directions of playing them are just the same. They have the same mode of playing the games and all are enjoyable.

Once you get hold of the pencil and start playing with it, it is really impossible for you to stop. With its grabbing way of playing it, it is hard to stop. If you are into crossword and puzzles, you will like sudoku as well. You can play with it within 10 to 30 minutes depending on your expertise. With the different types available, you can enjoy playing with it.

You can always find sudoku into almost anywhere around the world. Usually, there books loaded with different sudoku puzzle game plays. All you need is a pencil and you can start thinking how you are going to complete the box.

Newspapers and magazines are also great sources of sudoku. Newspapers can give you new puzzle game plays everyday. Most of the people buy newspapers because of the sudoku

puzzles. Magazines also grab readers because of including sudoku on the pages of their magazines. The one who finishes the games will receive a prize. This is a very effective way to gain more people to buy the magazine. What a clever idea.

You can also find it over the very useful internet. The World Wide Web will give you more than millions of printable sudokus. You just have to choose which website can give you the best sudoku game plays. There are many website available for you online. Search engines are very useful in terms of your search. Just type "sudoku free" and the rest will be the search engine's job.

Start indulging yourself now to playing with sudoku puzzle games. Giving your mind an exercise, empower your brain cells and practice your logical thinking by playing with sudokus. Enjoy and have fun playing with it.

## The Easiest Way to Play the Easy Sudoku

Playing a puzzle is one of the most popular pastimes in all parts of the world. During breaks or idle hours you can oftentimes see a person busy solving puzzles from newspapers, magazine or books. These are personal moments that can help idle time away and sharpen ones mind.

One of the best played puzzles is the Sudoku. It is an addictive number puzzle game that is taking the United States and the whole world by storm. It has become one of the most famous puzzle games ever created.

It is played using a 9  $\times$  9 grid that is divided into nine equal squares. The objective of the puzzle is to place the numbers from 1 to 9. Each number must appear only once in every row, column and in 3  $\times$  3 squares.

A Sudoku puzzle game usually begins with a set of numbers already given in the puzzle. Depending on the given numbers and the placement of the numbers, this determines the complexity level of this puzzle. The puzzle normally differs from the simple or easy down to the difficult level of play. Sudoku puzzle is solved using logical skills.

If you haven't tried playing a Sudoku puzzle yet, it is suggested that you begin with the easiest one available. If you want to purchase a puzzle book, the different levels are labeled--whether it is easy, moderately hard or very difficult.

If you want to look for the game in a newspaper, you will usually find the easiest Sudoku puzzle at the start of the week (Monday). By starting with the easy Sudoku, it will help you improve the strategies and techniques you have. In addition, it is not as frustrating as the difficult Sudoku.

## How to play the Easy Sudoku?

For beginners, here are steps, which can be helpful in solving the easy sudoku. Be sure to follow each step carefully and correctly to have a better chance of solving the puzzle.

- 1. Upon Solving, think carefully and cleverly. Once you already know that you cannot have two same numbers in each row, column or 3 x 3 boxes, it will be a good help or hint which you can use to get another number in the series. Remember the more difficult the Sudoku is, the lesser chance to start the game easily.
- 2. In solving an easy Sudoku, the first thing you must keep in mind is to look for the possibilities. Possibilities are the numbers that are possibly just around. Beginning at 1, make an imaginary line on the boxes in the 1's row and column. When you see that only one box is left in the nine-square block, you will know that it is a possibility.
- 3. Carefully work on the numbers until the number 9. Since you already placed some of the numbers, this must help you to get other numbers which have more possibilities.
- 4. If you are trapped, go back but ensure to look at the other numbers. Once that happens, it is assured that you had missed something on the puzzle. That thing is normally where you need to be active again. If on the process you still cannot find the "missing number," begin by labeling each block with everything which has a chance to be on the box.
- 5. It would be advisable that you begin a game in the newspaper. Most of the newspapers in the country already have Sudoku puzzle games. Most of the easy puzzle games are out during Monday and Tuesday. While the difficult puzzles are out on the following days.

The basic technique most players use in playing the Easy Sudoku is by going through every number and by trying to place as many numbers as the puzzle permits. You have to observe the numbers on the rows and columns to make sure that there are no same numbers present.

If you are working your way on the numbers 1 to 9, ensure to think about going through the same process again. Then, look at the squares to know the numbers you can use to prevent other numbers from filling in.

Try to train your mind well in looking at the numbers in all  $3 \times 3$  boxes, columns or rows. In this way, you can easily spot the missing numbers which you need in each  $3 \times 3$  boxes, columns or rows.

Lastly, if it is your first time to play the game, be patient. It may be an easy Sudoku but it is not as simple as what you may think. It still requires great logical skills and careful thinking in order to win and complete the puzzle.

## **Sudoku Info Products**

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**Ganpuzzle** - Learn How To Solve Rubiks Cube And Sudoku Puzzles With Step By Step Animation And Detail Descriptions

<u>The Ultimate Sudoku Guide</u> - Learn Solving Strategies And Insider Secrets Of Solving Sudoku Puzzles. Be A Sudoku Pro Within Days.

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